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2019	March 14 Thursday	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	The Cove Hall	7.30 pm	Information this page
2019	March 16 Saturday	SunsetSips 2019#2	Beachfront Park	5 pm	BEACHFRONT PARK Information Inside
2019	April 7 Sunday	DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS		3 am	Wind back to 2am
2019	April 20 Saturday	SunsetSips 2019#3 & EASTER EGG HUNT - SOLSTICE PK	Solstice Park	4 pm	Advance Notice inside
2019	May 18 Saturday	Island's Biggest Morning Tea	86 Helmsman Bvd	9.30 to 11.00 am	Advance Notice inside

[If you have an activity or event for Island Residents, email the Editor.]

#### Notice

#### 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**7.30pm Thursday 14 March 2019**

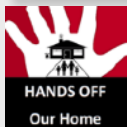
**The Cove Hall, Empire Bay**

As this is an Annual General Meeting, **ALL positions on the Committee will be declared vacant, and a new Committee voted in by the attendees.**

A Nomination Form can be found on Page 2 of this newsletter.

ALL RESIDENTS are invited to this meeting and open forum of all matters of interest to Island residents.

A small plate of food would be appreciated to complement the supplied refreshments after the meeting.



## URGENT INFORMATION



### FOR ST HUBERTS ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS

**Attend the AGM in a few days time!!**

#### Central Coast Council Climate Change Policy!!

THE DRAFT POLICY at: [yourvoiceourcoast.com/climatechange](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com/climatechange)  
READ ABOUT IT - an independent investigation of it: [tellcouncil.com](http://tellcouncil.com)

The Central Coast Council Climate Change Policy has seemingly crept up on many residents around the considerable waterways of the Central Coast.

The policy is currently at the Draft stage with submissions closing on Friday 15 March - the day after our Annual General Meeting.

There are some extremely concerning impacts arising from this policy including property prices, resale possibilities and insurance costs.



**Guest Speakers will be @ the March AGM**

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(An example of the type of signage the DCP states must be displayed prominently on all New or Reconstructed Homes in 1:100 Year Flood Zones with flood depths exceeding 10-30cm)



**ROD BLAKE**  
steps down as  
Association  
President

At Annual General Meetings, all positions in the Committee are made vacant, nominations are taken and the election of new office-bearers and ordinary committee members occur. This year after three short but action-packed years in office, Rod Blake will not be standing for re-election as President. In these three years Rod has contributed significantly to the St Huberts Island community and the new direction the Association has headed, but a series of health scares have led to this premature decision.

Turn to the next page for his last "A word from the (retiring) President".

## A Word from the (retiring) President

It's Time!

With the AGM due in a few days time, it's time to announce that **I will not be standing for another term as President**. It's time for some new members to come forward bringing fresh ideas and new enthusiasm.

We truly live in an amazing part of the world and your input as to how we can make our community even better will be well appreciated. It is not an onerous task as we generally meet about once a month, have a few drinks and discuss what is happening on the Island and what we can do to try and make it even better. So either come along to the AGM or submit your name forward for a place on the committee.

I would like to thank all the current committee members for their contributions over the years. Without you, putting together and running the activities that we do would not be possible!! And without our sponsors and advertisers the funds that we generate for the events would be hard to find.

December saw a small group get-together for a Christmas dinner at La Fiamma. Thunder, lightning and torrential rain added to the night as did the company and the huge amount of food that was presented to us. Thank you Geoff Flynn for organising the night!

Sips was also back with a fabulous day turned on for our Attunga BBQ. Great to see new faces and old friends gather to celebrate.

Life always seems to be able to throw a curve ball at you every so often and Kim and I seem to have been able to hit them back over the past 6 months. We would like to thank all our neighbours and Island friends for their love and support.

Cheers

Kim & Rod

[president@sthubertisland.nsw.au](mailto:president@sthubertisland.nsw.au)

## Neighbourhood Watch

Our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator has informed us of a change to reporting of crime statistics by the Brisbane Water Police District. This will be LAST regular Neighbourhood Watch Report unless there has been an increase or spike in offences on the Island. Targeted offences will include property crime such as: steal from motor vehicle, steal motor vehicle, break and enter, stealing and malicious damage.

Police cannot act when they are not informed of criminal activity. If not an emergency, and to ensure meaningful reporting, use the Police Assistance Line or Crime Stoppers phone numbers below, not local police stations who do not record phone conversations.

**The final regular Neighbourhood Watch Report reported to Police is for November 2018:**

<b>November 2018</b>	<b>Discovery St</b>	<b>1 Stealing</b>
	<b>Marina View Parade</b>	<b>2 Stealings</b>
	<b>Nautilus Cres</b>	<b>1 Stealing</b>

**Ring 000 for crimes in progress**



Report all crimes to the Police Assistance Line **131 444**, or Crime Stoppers **1800 333 000** if you wish to remain anonymous.

If you prefer **internet** to phone, you can access [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au), click on to the **NSW Police Force Community Portal** and complete a non-emergency **Online Police Reports** form. The report will be passed on to police in the same way as phone reports to the Police Assistance Line.

### From the Secretary

The Island Residents Association is ALWAYS after more members. The "sudden" and challenging arrival of the new CCC Climate Change Policy and the implications for ALL OWNERS on the Island now means the Association will need to rise to the challenge and ensure the CCC consider the rate payers on the Island in their final policy. So... make the Association stronger... join the Association... become a Committee member. Contact me about how to join. And the Nomination form is below.

Thanks, Annabel, [secretary@sthubertisland.nsw.au](mailto:secretary@sthubertisland.nsw.au)

Annual General Meeting - **2019**

### Nomination of Committee members to the new Committee

Nominations for the election of: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members**

- **Person Proposed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **For Position:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Nomination by (two members of the Association):**

(nominator name)	(nominator signature)
(nominator name)	(nominator signature)
- **Consent of the candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(candidate signature)

**AGM**  
**Thursday 14 March**  
**7:30pm @**  
**The Cove Hall**

Deliver or scan/email to the Secretary before the day of the AGM at -  
\* 1/29 Marina View Parade, St Huberts Island OR \* [secretary@sthubertisland.nsw.au](mailto:secretary@sthubertisland.nsw.au)

NOTE: Nominees and Nominators MUST be paid-up members of the Association.

# Event Reports

## Annual Christmas Paddle Regatta Sunday 9 December

Well... Sunday December 9 saw 15 Island residents meet at Long Arm Parade for our annual Christmas paddle. Christmas hats in place we went around in a clockwise direction stopping first at the Goard's residence to be greeted with fresh watermelon. We continued our paddle to Helana's house for some more nibbles, then around the oyster leases to our Island President's house for an Edwards sausage sandwich. Back into the kayaks, we paddled the last leg back to the park at Long Arm Parade for champagne, cheese and biscuits! Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to doing it all again next December!  
[Editor: sounds like more eating, drinking and socialising than paddling!]

[The Editor could not track down any photos of this day. If you know of or have any, I would love to have them as a record of the day, and they will be put on the Island's website. Email them to [islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au)]

## Christmas Dinner @ La Fiamma

### Island DineOut 2018#4 - Saturday 15 December

A hardy group braved the lively thunderstorm to visit La Fiamma for a pre-Christmas celebration. We were certainly well catered for with antipasto, pizzas, pasta and gelato served on heaped plates! There was more than plenty, with Jo E scoring a couple of doggy bags to take home for the boys!  
Excellent value!

Lots of laughs, plenty to drink and Christmas wishes.

Thanks to Geoff Flynn, Chief Organiser, who commented that most people were dry on the outside (thunderstorm considered)!!



See the website at

[sthubertsisland.nsw.au/events-reports/](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/events-reports/) for more photos of the occasion.



## Santa on the Water Sunday 23 December

Once again, St Huberts Island thanks "Doctors Orders" for transporting Santa and his sundry, motley crew of Elves about the canals of the Island in the lead-up to this Christmas. Captain Rod Wenzel ably drove the boat under instructions from navigator (and better half) Virginia, all to the Christmas tunes from the Brisbane Water Brass Band.



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## SunsetSips 2019#1 Saturday 9 February

Our first SunsetSips of the year was a great success with about 120 grown-ups and kids eventually turning up at Attunga Park to (sort of) watch the sun go down with a beverage in one hand, a sausage or steak sandwich in the other hand and surrounded by old or new friends. Starting at 5pm, there was a slow but steady arrival of Islanders and reaching our maximum before darkness.

Most of our photos were taken early in the evening and did not show the large number of Islanders appearing later.

We hope to see more and new Islanders at the next SunsetSips at Beachfront Park on Saturday March 16.

See the website at [sthubertsisland.nsw.au/events-reports/](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/events-reports/) for many more photos of the occasion.



**Report**

**FISHOS Corner**

Outside there is a good swell and at times the current strong which makes outside catches difficult. A few bonito and kingfish are being taken in the Broken Bay area looking for baitfish.

Brisbane Water is producing flathead and bream at the usual hotspots such as The Rip bridge area and Half Tide Rocks.

The odd nice snapper is being taken off Box Head.

Some nice bream are also coming from Paddys Channel with similar catches at Empire Bay.



*Just a reminder the Ettalong Hotel Fishing Club and the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Fishing Club always welcome new members/families. For further information please contact Ken or the Editor via the St Huberts Island website*

Tight lines everyone! Ken

**Feeding Ducks**

The most common wild duck on the Island is the Mallard. They should eat a variety of foods including - a mix of plants and seeds, insects, worms, snails and crustaceans. This variety provides all or most of the nutrients they need for a healthy life.



A Mallard with Angel Wing (and obesity?)

BUT... most people feed ducks bread - easy to get hold of, cheap, and the ducks love it. Bread is bad for ducks. It offers calories but few of the nutrients ducks need. Eating bread (particularly white bread that has even less nutrients) fills them up so they don't go looking for "natural" foods. Health issues then kick in - obesity, malnutrition and a possible crippling condition known as "angel wing". This is a deformity in which the wings jut out instead of folding up and often making flight impossible. And

of course, ducklings will learn from an early age, and from their mother, to just wait and beg for bread and not even search out natural foods.

Mouldy bread can lie around to be eaten later. Spoiled bread can be potentially fatal. Some mould can cause specific diseases in ducks, lung disease being one of the most common.

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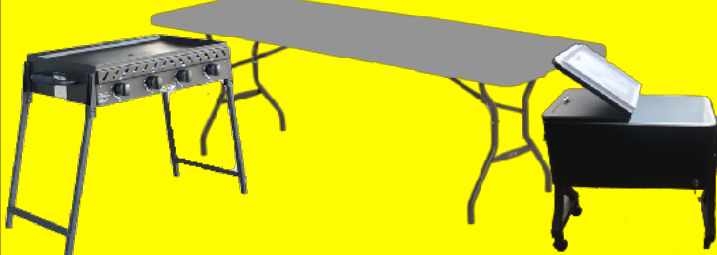
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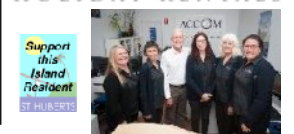
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Raine & Horne St Huberts Island keep current copies of the Express Advocate – good to know in case you miss out on home delivery.

DID YOU KNOW

We also keep current copies of "Your Guide to the Central Coast" – which includes information on what's on locally as well as restaurant guides, markets and entertainment.

Pop in and get your reading material!

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# Notifications

**Westpac Helicopter Fundraiser & St Patrick's Day Celebration**  
 Sunday 10 March - 86 Helmsman Bvd

**From 11 am till late...**



- ◆ Guinness on Tap
- ◆ Major Raffle Prize – Anderson's BBQ Boat hire
- ◆ Brilliant Entertainer – Keri Lewis
- ◆ Free Sausage Sandwiches

All Funds raised on the day go to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service  
 No-one has ever paid to be transported by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

**Major Sponsors:**

- ◆ Bendigo Bank - Ettalong Beach
- ◆ Everglades Sharks Fishing Club
- ◆ Ettalong War Memorial Fishing Club
- ◆ Ettalong Hotel SS Fishing Club
- ◆ Coles Supermarkets - Woy Woy
- ◆ Ettalong Diggers Club
- ◆ Ettalong Bowling Fishing Club

**ALL WELCOME**

\$15 Donation covers all drinks & sausage sandwiches  
 \$30 donation to get a Tax Receipt



**SunsetSips 2019#2 @ Beachfront Park**  
 Saturday 16 March

**The second Sunset Sips of the year**

With the sun setting at 7:12 pm, get to Beachfront at 5:00 pm so you have time to -

- ~ Meet your new neighbours
- ~ Renew old friendships
- ~ Enjoy FREE bubbles and beer!  
 Ladies bring your champagne glass
- ~ Feast on a free sausage sizzle and steak sangers - with BBQed onions!



Bring your -

- Chair
- Hat
- Sunnies
- Beverages
- Nibbles
- Insect Repellant



**SunsetSips 2019#3 @ Solstice Park & Monster Easter Egg Hunt**  
 Saturday 20 April

With the sun setting at 5.27 pm, get to Solstice at 4:00 pm so you have time to actually see the Sunset over water and -

**Hunt for Easter Eggs and more...**

**MONSTER Easter Egg Raffle - bring your money!**

More information coming closer to the day. Keep an eye on -

- your personal email (if you've given it to us!)
- our WEBSITE
- our FACEBOOK page

(See addresses in the front page Masthead.)



Just a reminder - the St. Huberts Island Residents Association Inc. is not in possession of any 3rd party liability insurance. Whilst the Association takes all care there is no responsibility accepted for anyone attending these activities. Persons attending do so at their own risk.

**St Huberts Island BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

**... aka the Big Cuppa**

Saturday 18 May - 86 Helmsman Bvd

**From 9:30am to 11:00am...**



Keep this day free to help the Cancer Council with their major fund-raiser of the year.

More information coming.



**Cancer Council**

**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

## Welcome New Neighbours

**... and farewell to departing friends**

The Association welcomes all new residents to our relaxing and peaceful Island.

We encourage all Islanders to make our new neighbours welcome.

- ★ 4 Long Arm
- ★ 11 Marina View
- ★ 39 Marina View
- ★ 9 Mercator
- ★ 7 Mooring



House sales and transfers 17 November 2018 to 22 February 2019 (contract date ignored).

Sourced from NSW Valuer General, Raine&Horne and allhomes.com.au.

## Island Chef Recipe

This recipe courtesy of Joann Edwards.



### Boston Baked Beans

Note: Beans need to be soaked overnight

#### Ingredients:

- ◆ 2 cups of navy, white or borlotti beans
- ◆ 250g bacon (your butcher should be able to provide you with offcuts)
- ◆ 2 onions finely diced
- ◆ 3 tablespoon molasses
- ◆ 2 teaspoon salt
- ◆ 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- ◆ 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- ◆ 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- ◆ 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- ◆ 1/4 cup brown sugar

#### Method:

1. Soak beans overnight in cold water.
2. Simmer beans in the same water until tender, approximately 1-2 hours. (OR put them in a pressure cooker with water for approximately 40 minutes)
3. Drain and reserve liquid.
4. Arrange beans in casserole dish then alternate them with layers of bacon and onion.
5. In a saucepan, combine molasses, salt, pepper, dry mustard, tomato sauce, Worcestershire and brown sugar.
6. Bring the mixture to a boil and pour over beans. Pour in just enough of the reserved bean mixture to cover the beans. Retain any left-over liquid for possible use later.
7. Cover the dish with a Alfoil.
8. Bake for 3-4 hours at 165 deg C conventional. (I actually put it in the oven at 95 degrees for 8 hours)
9. Check to ensure beans haven't dried out in the oven. Add more reserve liquid if required.

**Take out of the oven and serve up as Boston Baked Beans.**

Email your special IslandChef recipe to [islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au) for possible inclusion in the next issue.

If enough excellent recipes pour in we might even knock-up our very own St Huberts Island Recipe Book!

# Tidbits...

## CULTURE CORNER

Resident poet, Vivien Sale, has spotted March approaching...

### MARCH

March for Peace or Save the Trees, beware the Ides if you please.  
 Spring and Summer move along for March brings us her Autumn song.  
 The leaves do fall, the trees do rest, nature sighs, as she knows best.  
 Let's March away from Summer's sun and rest into our Autumn.

## 2019 DineOut dates

The dates and number of DineOuts for 2019 have still to be decided by the Committee.  
 These decisions will now be the role of the new Committee voted in at the upcoming AGM on 14 March.

## Beware Sandbanks



Who was the well known Island auto electrician and his offsider that got their pontoon boat stuck on a sandbar after a late night

return from The Bayview hotel??? I hear Doctors Orders is taking great delight in telling the story!!

## Empire Bay Probus

Empire Bay Probus Club is just about to enter its 3rd year. Still a relatively small club with nearly 50 members, we still welcome newcomers.  
 Probus is all about friendship, fellowship and fun in retirement. We are a very active club with outings and adventures 2 or 3 times every month with our club meeting at the Empire Bay Progress hall, Gordon Street on the 1st Thursday of every month. Visitors are always welcome to attend and see what we are all about.



For contact call President Alan on 0419 252 708.

## WARNING - boats and their trailers being impounded

*For the benefit of all Islanders, following is a repeat of an item from a 2016 edition of The Island News...*

Boats on their trailers appear to be clogging up many a street in NSW. So much so that the NSW Government has now acted. Until recently only illegally parked or abandoned trailers (with their boats on board) could be removed or impounded.

However from August 2015, any boat trailer - whether registered or not - that is parked on the street must be moved within three months or it will be impounded.

As the Sydney Morning Herald noted in their August 4 2015 article...

*"Consider a fisherman who goes fishing at 3am in the morning and comes back at 2pm in the afternoon and probably puts the trailer back into the same place.*

*He is using that boat every fortnight but as far as council officers are concerned it has been there the whole time."*

## OPTUS 5G Internet on St Huberts (soon...)

The battle for 5G mobile phone data technology enters a new phase. While Telstra are concentrating on marketing 5G handsets and REALLY FAST mobile data, Optus are aiming their efforts at households, providing a possible alternative to the NBN.

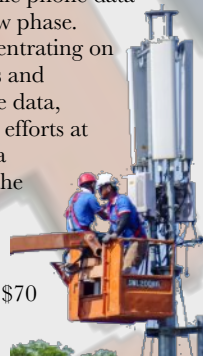
They have recently announced Home Broadband plans from \$70 for unlimited data at 50Mbps 'Satisfaction Guaranteed'.

The issue is, it's new technology, expensive to roll out, and is attached to current or new mobile phone towers, and future 5G connected homes need to be very close to their 5G phone tower.

So... Optus are setting up (trialing?) 5G home broadband at 48 sites around the country by March 2019.

**St Huberts Island is one of these sites, as is Daleys Point - or at least parts of these suburbs!**

If interested you need to register with Optus at <https://www.optus.com.au/shop/broadband/5g>. The significant part of your registration is your address on St Huberts... this accounts for your satisfactory access to



our 5G mobile phone tower (which I think is on the north side of Blackwall Mountain at the water tank).

While 5G is a massive leap forward in mobile data technology, it is still subject to same old problems of mobile data usage, but particularly:

- \* distance from device to mobile tower is significant (much closer for 5G)
- \* more smaller phone towers (on buildings and poles) to account for smaller distances
- \* multiple antennas at each location (5G millimetre waves have more bandwidth)
- \* weather conditions (rain) may well affect 5G signal loss (5G millimetre waves are absorbed by atmospheric gases)
- \* 5G doesn't like going through solids - 5G modem position in your home could be significant
- \* while tower congestion due to many connections and data passing through have been solved by 5G, the connection from the tower to the Internet is a weak link - susceptible to congestion until upgraded.



To use Optus' 5G internet, you will need/get a 5G modem (basically a mobile phone without voice capabilities) with a WiFi router built in to use WiFi around your home, and ethernet cable capabilities.

## Website... New Look

Pressure from the Committee has resulted in the Webmaster creating a new look for the website.

**See it at [sthubertisland.nsw.au](http://sthubertisland.nsw.au).**

However, the Webmaster did agree... it was too dark and needed to be brightened up, so he thanks the Committee.



*Don't forget... everything that appears in The Island News PLUS MORE all appear on the Island's website.*

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES & ADVERTISING

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## From the Editor...

*A different newsletter this time. The Committee is trying some changes - advertisements together so you can fridge magnet them, and reduce the size of the newsletter. We need to know what Islanders think of these changes - comments and suggestions to the email address below.*

*It's AGM time and we need more Islanders for the Committee. We are losing some this AGM and we need to at least replace them so the Committee can continue to do their job for ALL ISLANDERS!*

*And lastly, the sudden "appearance" of the CCCCCP (not the old Soviet Union, but the Central Coast Council Climate Change Policy) just before printing means there will be a LOT MORE on the Association's actions. YOU MUST stay abreast of this - see website/Facebook/email.*

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